A Day in the Life of a Media Plumber

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Who

► Who am I?

- Embedded Systems background
- Prefer C, Haskell and Rust
- Organize and speak at Rust and Haskell meet-ups in Bangalore

Work?

- Software Engineer @ asymptotic
- Open source consulting firm based out of Bangalore and Toronto
- Work on low level systems software centred around multimedia
- GStreamer, PipeWire, PulseAudio
- Language Polyglots

Open source contributions

GStreamer

- gst-plugins-rs
- ► PipeWire
- PulseAudio
- Linux
- u-boot

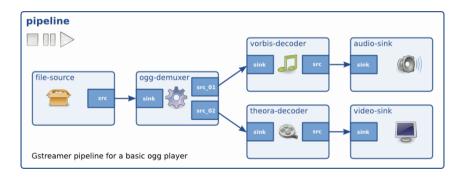
GStreamer

- Multiplatform Pipeline based multimedia framework
- Bindings for various languages
- Allows building complex media processing workflows
- Some applications
 - PiTiVi (Video Editor)
 - amaroK, Banshee, Clementine (audio players)
 - Empathy (VOIP and video conferencing)
 - GstLAL (gravitational wave data analysis)
 - Rygel (DLNA streaming server and renderer)
 - Totem (movie player for the GNOME desktop)

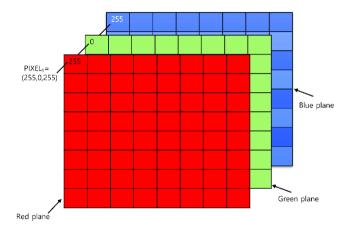
Simple pipeline

gst-launch-1.0 videotestsrc ! autovideosink gst-launch-1.0 audiotestsrc ! autoaudiosink

Media pipeline¹



Internals²



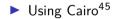
²Raw Video Media Types

Alpha compositing³

► How does it look?

³Alpha Compositing - Bartosz Ciechanowski





⁴GStreamer Cairo example ⁵GStreamer Cairo example project

Rounded corners



gst-launch-1.0 filesrc location=bunny.mp4 ! decodebin ! videoconvert !
roundedcorners border-radius-px=100 ! videoconvert ! gtksink

Getting started

GStreamer Basic Tutorial

GStreamer Application Development

Questions



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